(Ireland.)

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TO

Prevent Frauds in the Manufacture of Kelp in Ireland.

WHEREAS the Manufacture of Kelp from Seaweed is carried on in Ireland to a considerable Extent, and affords profitable Employment to the Poor of the Sea Coast, but the Sale thereof is greatly injured and the Price depreciated by Frauds committed in Process of burning, particularly by putting Stones and Gravel into it to increase the Weight: For Remedy thereof be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows: Preamble.

I. If any Person or Persons shall wilfully mix with the Seaweed, in Process of making, burning, or manufacturing into Kelp, any Stones, Gravel, Matter, or Thing, for the Purpose of increasing the Weight or otherwise adulterating the same, or shall knowingly sell or offer for Sale any Kelp so mixed or adulterated, such Person or Persons, on Conviction before any Justice of the Peace sitting at Petty Sessions, shall forfeit and pay a Sum not exceeding *Five Pounds*, and all such Kelp so mixed or adulterated shall be forfeited and destroyed. Penalty on Persons adulterating Seaweed in Process of making into Kelp.

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Proprietors of Land may appoint an Inspector.

II. Every Proprietor of Land in Fee and of the annual Value of Two hundred Pounds and upwards, and having Lands next the Sea on the Shores of which Kelp is made, may appoint an Inspector of Kelp in Process of Manufacture.

Inspectors and others to have Power to enter Places used for making Kelp.

III. Every Inspector, Sub-Inspector, and Head Constable, or Police Officer, or Chief Boatman of Coast Guard, and every Inspector of Kelp in Process of Manufacture, appointed as aforesaid, shall have full Power and Authority and they are hereby authorized to enter during the Daytime all Places used for making, burning, and manufacturing Kelp, and inspect the same, or any other Store or Place where Kelp is kept, and if any Kelp shall be found therein containing any Stones, Gravel, Matter, or Thing other than Sea Weed and the Produce thereof, then to seize such Kelp, and take the same, together with the Person or Persons in whose Custody or Possession the same shall be found, before some Justice of the Peace for the County where the same shall be found, to be further dealt with according to Law.

Extent of Act.

IV. This Act shall only extend to Ireland.

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(*Prepared and brought in by Mr. Cassidy, Sir Edward Hayes, and Mr. John Hyane.*)

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